

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 3 and 5 have been amended. Claims 7-19 are newly added.

I. Formalities

Applicant thanks the Examiner for initialing and returning a copy of the SB/08 forms submitted with the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 21, 2005, May 10, 2006 and March 17, 2008.

However, Applicant notes that the Examiner has lined through multiple Japanese Patent documents cited in the December 21, 2005 SB/08 and has indicated in the Office Action that the Information Disclosure Statement of the same date failed to comply with the concise explanation requirement of relevance because no English language translation of these documents was included.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Information Disclosure Statement complied with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, since Applicant enclosed a copy of an ISR in an International Application corresponding to the subject Application (International Search Report for PCT/JP04/002326 dated June 22, 2004), together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. Also enclosed was a copy of an ISR in the International Application PCT/JP2004/012800, together with an English language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the ISR indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office. (See MPEP 609.04(a).III).

As such, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner consider the references and provide a new initialed and signed copy of the SB/08 form submitted on December 21, 2005 with the next Office Action.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim for foreign priority and confirming receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

II. Drawings

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the objections to the drawings in view of the self-explanatory amendments to the specification presented above.

III. Claim Objection

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the objection to claim 5 (mistakenly indicated in the Office Action as an objection to claim 16) in view of the self-explanatory amendments presented above.

IV. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshitani et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0089702). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 has a feature that "the data processor executes a prescribed basic color space conversion regardless of content of the color space identification information to obtain first converted image data of the thumbnail image when the thumbnail image is the processing target, while the data processor executes a specified color space conversion utilizing a color space specified by the color space identification information to obtain second converted image data of the main image when the main image is the processing target, the first and second converted image data being expressed by an identical color system."

For example, in one exemplary embodiment of claim 1 shown in Fig. 3, the basic color space conversion of the thumbnail image is executed by the first color space converter 224, and

the specified color space conversion for the main image data is executed by the first through third color space converters 224, 226, and 228. These two types of color space conversions are performed to obtain thumbnail and main image data, respectively, which are expressed by an identical color system, sRGB.

Yoshitani teaches to execute a color space conversion on RGB data to obtain JPEG data in **YCbCr color space**, and another color space conversion on the RGB data to obtain printing data in **CMYK color space**. It is clear that these color space conversions are performed to obtain two image data for the main image that are expressed by different color systems. Since Yoshitani does not teach or suggest to execute color space conversions in the manner claimed in claim 1 to obtain thumbnail and main image data that are expressed by an identical color system, the Yoshitani clearly fails to teach or suggest each and every recitation of the claim.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by Yoshitani, because the reference does not disclose all of the features and limitations of the claim. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 1, and claim 2 at least by virtue of its dependency from claim 1.

Further, Applicant submits that independent claims 3 and 5 and their dependant claims 4 and 6 are also patentable over Yoshitani for at least similar reasons. As such, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the rejections of independent claims 3 and 5 and dependent claims 4 and 6.

V. New Claims 7-19:

New claims 7-19 have been added. Applicant respectfully submits that these new claims are also distinguishable over the prior art because new claims 7-19 have distinct features which are not taught or suggested by the cited references.

For example:

(i) Claim 7 is directed to an image display device, and the color space conversions for the thumbnail and main image data are executed to obtain display image data to be displayed by the image display device. Yoshitani, on the other hand, only discloses to execute color space conversions suitable for different devices, and does not teach or suggest to use different color space conversions for the thumbnail and main image data to obtain thumbnail and main display image data that are both suitable for display by the display device.

(ii) The subject matter of claim 7 has an unexpected advantage that high speed processing is attained for the thumbnail image through the basic color space conversion, while high quality image is attained for the main image through the specified color space conversion according to the color space information that specifies a color space related to the image data.

Further, Applicant submits that independent claims 18 and 19 are also patentable over the cited references for at least similar reasons.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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